

American Chemical Society Puget Sound Section (PSS)  
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes  
March 21, 2016

**Call to order**

Sheri Tonn called to order the regular meeting of the ACS Executive Committee at 7:00pm on March 21, 2016 at North Seattle Community College. Introductions were made around the room to welcome a student guest, Shokouh Farvid.

**Roll call**

The following persons were present: Sheri Tonn\*, Carole Berg\*, MaLeah Huggins\*, Jonathan Clark\*, Mark Wicholas \*, Greg Milligan\*, Craig Fryhle\*, Gary Christian\*, Despina Strong\*, Amar Yahiaoui\*, Jennie Mayer\*, Neal Yakelis\*, Dharshi Bopegedera\*, Charity Lovitt, David Munch and Shokouh Farvid (student guest).

\*indicates voting member per bylaws

Executive Board members absent: Karen Goodwin, Cheryl Bick and Nadine Gruhn.

**Secretary's report**

MaLeah sent out the February minutes via email before the meeting. Corrections were made to the minutes at the meeting. A motion was passed, unanimously, to approve the minutes with corrections.

There was no secretary report by MaLeah.

**Treasurer's report**

Carole Berg submitted the Treasurer's report (1-March-16). Carole handed out the treasurer's report. Note that \$277.15 has been spent for local expenses and \$2,259 has been spent for the Young Women's Chemist Retreat. It has been requested that we hold off approving award money for science fairs. Jennie's science fair request was previously approved and will be paid. The concern is that there needs to be a Puget Sound Section ACS representative at the science fairs requesting award money and those winners are getting multiple cash awards by having their project in multiple science fairs. The rebates for ACS council members travel is set to be \$ 14,670 with ACS paying back 75%. The budget numbers were redone because 5 council members were sent this year. Mark moved to accept the Finance Report. Jonathan seconded the motion. The motion to accept the treasurer's report passed.

**Announcements/Reports**

High School Teacher Award and dinner

Despina talked about the High School Teacher Award and dinner. She requested that a relocation of funds be made to raise the amount from \$100 to \$350 total. This relocation of funds would come from the education budget. Some ideas were passed around about the location of the dinner and a financial subsidy for local member attending the dinner. It was decided that the Committee would revisit the topic at a later date.

**Old Business**

Education Committee report

February through April is the busiest time of year for the committee.

2 and 4 year Scholarships

The committee received 9 completed applications from 4 year school students and had excellent candidates to choose from. We also received 2 completed applications from 2 year students.

#### Funding requests

The education committee is receiving various requests from student groups for money. PLU and Evergreen is requesting \$250 to go to the national meeting. There have also been multiple requests to fund award money for local science fairs. Shoreline has requested \$250 to work with students and Whatcom Community College has requested money. Whatcom Community College is not an affiliated chapter.

#### Chemistry Olympiad report

Amar reported on the chemistry Olympiad. The locations for the prelim tests are spread throughout the area and are being completed every week in March. So far 7 High Schools have been represented. The national test has a lab and a written component. The national exam will be held on April 22<sup>nd</sup> at Shoreline. There will be the max of 13 students going on to take the final exam in April.

#### High School Teacher Award and dinner

Despina reported that there had been one nomination for the High School Teacher Award. The education committee approved the nomination through email. The recipient is Kirby Zornes. The awardee would be a strong contender at the national level and a request was made by Despina to fill out the paperwork.

#### Science Fair and Awards

There has been a variety of requests for funding of science fair awards. The requests are difficult to approve because they often come from unknown sources. It has been suggested that the council get a list of people involved in the science fairs and to have an ACS council member present at the science fairs that are requesting funding. It has also been brought to our attention that students have been going to multiple science fairs. This creates a potential for a student to receive multiple cash rewards. It was proposed that we create a simple reporting form for the science fair winners that would include the name of the science fair, the date it was held, the names of the winners and the ACS contact person. The committee wants to continue supporting local science fairs.

Jennie reported on the winners for the Central Sound Regional Science and Engineering Fair, CSRSEF. The competition was held at Bellevue College on March 12, 2016. The winners and their project titles are:

1<sup>st</sup> place: Dyuti Shreya Nandy for "A Novel Approach for the Treatment of Type 2 Diabetes with PTP1B Inhibitor: Design, Synthesis, and Biological Activity"

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Sriharshita Musunuri for "Molecularly Imprinted Polymeric Nanoparticles: A Novel Theranostic System to Detect and Neutralize Endotoxins"

#### Council Meeting and poster

Gary reported on the National Council Meeting and the poster. Craig did a wonderful job on the poster. Our poster was placed next to the Portland chapter's poster and there was dialogue between the two groups at the ACS National Convention. During the Council Meeting, there were lots of talking points on the posters.

Mark Wicholas, one of five Councilors for the Puget Sound Section, reported on the political structure of the ACS as it pertained to the National Council. Our Section belongs to the Northwest Region which in turn is part of the Western District, one of six Districts, a geographical region including Washington, Oregon, California, Nevada, Idaho, Alaska, Arizona and Hawaii. Councilors in our District elect a Director who represents the District as a member of the all-important Board of Directors. Councilors, of whom there are approximately 400 nationally, attend the twice-yearly ACS National Meetings. They attend and vote at the Council Meeting where reports are given by National Officers and Committee Chairs, and all ACS business requiring Council votes is transacted.

Despina also talked about her time at the National Convention as a new council member. She was impressed by new councilor's orientation. Despina interests are in Women's Committee, Diversity Committee and Environmental Committee. She would like to be endorsed to be on one of these committees.

#### Feb. Career Event Report

Dharshi handed out a report on the feedback she received from the career event. The feedback was positive overall. The majority of the participants were students. Some areas for improvement include bottled water and more information about the tour before the actual event. There is also interest in doing a similar event on a Saturday. Many students have labs during the current event.

#### March AWIS joint meeting report

Charity reported that there were 30-40 people in attendance. She also discussed the events use of networking and thought it would be a good model to use for future events. The funds for refreshments for this event came out of the sustainability committee.

### **New Business**

#### Upcoming events

Carole discussed upcoming events. She was able to secure the Vodka event in April. It was decided to hold the event on Thursday April 21<sup>st</sup>. The cost will be 15 dollars per person and will include a souvenir glass.

Sheri talked about the Maryhill event. The event will be held on June 11<sup>th</sup>. The cost will be 30 dollars to taste 10 different wines. Contact Sheri to sign up for lunch. There is shade in the picnic area for lunch, but not in the parking areas so do not bring your animals. Sheri made the payment upfront for this event. This will be a joint event for the local sections of the Puget Sound, Portland, Oregon, Richland, Inland Northwest and Wash, Idaho Border American Chemical Societies. Sign-ups will be posted on the website shortly.

Sheri also discussed the 50/60yr dinner and social event. She has a list. One of the 60yr members is a past chair. There are 26 names on the list. The time and location was discussed. It was agreed upon that more money should be spent because we are honoring our members. There was talk of subsidizing member's fees. Carole said she would work on a location that would balance the cost and amenities. Carole has done an amazing job in the past. It is also hard to poll the honorees because ACS does not provide us with their contact information.

There was a proposed email for Eckard Schmid to come and speak at one of our events. We would like to find out more about the speaker before we have them come out. Despina sent out the latest speaker request form. She worked on it with Jennie.

Norm

There needs to be a representative at the NORM meeting, usually an alternative councilor. This year the meeting will be held in Alaska on June 26<sup>th</sup> through the 29<sup>th</sup>. We usually subsidize the representative 400-500 dollars. Neal is interested in going.

### **Adjournment**

Sheri adjourned the meeting at 8:21 P.M. Minutes taken and submitted by MaLeah Huggins

Councilor/Term: Mark Wicholas (#1, 2017), Gregory Milligan (#2, 2018), Craig Fryhle (#3, 2016), Gary Christian (#4, 2017), Despina Strong (#5, 2018) Alternate Councilor/Term: Jennie Mayer (#1, 2017), Amar Yahiaoui (#2, 2018), Neal Yakelis (#3, 2016), Dharshi Bopegedera (#4, 2017), Nadine E. Gruhn (#5, 2018)